

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Roy V. Leverenz et. al : Title: IMPROVED COATINGS
FOR CUTTING TOOLS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
January 8, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments in the above-identified application prior to examination of the application:

In the Claims:

Delete Claims 1 through 19 and 23 through 28. Claims 20 through 22 remain.

In the Specification:

On page 1, amend the Title of this application to read "METHOD OF COATING CUTTING TOOLS". On page 4, after Title, insert phrase "This is a divisional application of U.S. 09/467,936 filed December 21, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. 09/390,570, filed September 3, 1999 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent 5,958,569 issued September 28, 1999".